GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS BY AMERICA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether America is not supplying spares of British Sea-King Helicopters and Sea Harrier aircraft to Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken up this matter with the Government of America; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government of America thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The spare parts for British made Sea King Helicopters and Sea Harrier aircraft are supplied to the Indian Navy by the British firms. However, some spares which are of American origin could not be supplied when the licences of the British firm were withdrawn by the Government of United States (US) after imposition of sanctions.After announcement of lifting of the sanctions on 22nd September 2001, the British firms have re-applied for registration of licences which are pending with the US Government.The issue of restoration of licences has been taken up by Government of India with the US Government who are making efforts to clear the cases.